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1. THE DELEGATION OF TRANSKEI OFFICIALS VISITED ASUNCION AUGUST 12 TO 16. DURING THEIR STAY, THEY MET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND MADE A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT STROESSNER.

2. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM, THE TRANSKEI DELEGATION FOUND A FAVORABLE RECEPTION IN PARAGUAY. WHILE THE VISITORS DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUEST GOP RECOGNITION AFTER INDEPENDENCE, THEY LEFT NO DOUBT THIS WAS MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT. THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH GOP LEADERS, THE TRANSKEI DELEGATION STRESSED THE PRO-WESTERN AND ANTI-COMMUNIST ORIENTATION OF THEIR REGIME. THEY ALSO DWELLED AT LENGTH ON THEIR HISTORY OF AUTONOMY WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA

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AND THEPARALLEL BETWEEN THEIR FORTHCOMING INDEPENDENCE AND

THAT ALREADY ACHIEVED BY LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND. IN A MEETING WITH
THE LOCAL PRESS, THEY EMPHASIZED THAT TRANSKEI'S INDEPENDENCE
WAS BASED ON A LONG-STANDING DESIRE ON THE PART OF THEIR PEOPLE,
NOT ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRESSURES.
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